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SUBJECT:TERRITORIAL COMMAND NET (TCN) FOR SPAIN

REF: A. MADRID 6435, B. BREISKY-HUGHES TELECON, 6/9/78

1. PARTICULARLY SINCE SPANISH TEAM WILL BE COMING TO WASHINGTON, WE SEE LITTLE MERIT IN HOLDING A JUNE 14 PMAA MEETING ON TCN. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, FROM REF B WHY SPANISH HAVE INSISTED ON JUNE 14 SESSION. WHILE NO WASHINGTON REP WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE JUNE 14 MEETING, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL FOR A SENIOR JUSMG REPRESENTATIVE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SESSIONS IN WASHINGTON WHEN THE SPANISH TCN COMMITTEE COMES FOR DISCUSSIONS.

2. FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS ARE PROVIDED FOR USE AT JUNE 14 MEETING:
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-- LTG GRAVES DID NOT INTEND HIS LETTER TO BE A THREAT BUT RATHER A SUGGESTION OF POSSIBLE METHODS FOR PAYING BILLS DUE TO THE CONTRACTOR.

-- IT IS NOT NOW CONTEMPLATED THAT OTHER FUNDS FROM THE SPANISH TRUST FUND WILL BE USED FOR TCN UNLESS THERE IS

GOS AGREEMENT TO THAT PROCEDURE.

-- THE PROBLEM OF PAYING BILLS DUE THE CONTRACTOR REMAINS URGENT. IT WOULD BE A GREAT HELP IN THIS REGARD FOR THE SPANISH TO PROCEED WITH PAYMENTS NOS. 12 AND 13. THESE PAYMENTS, WHICH WILL AMOUNT TO PAYMENT OF THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT PRICE ONLY, WILL PROVIDE INCENTIVE TO CONTRACTOR TO FINISH THE JOB EXPEDITIOUSLY AND, WE HOPE, SATISFACTORILY. THE US WOULD NOT INFER THAT THE MAKING OF PAYMENT NUMBER 13 IMPLIED SPANISH ACCEPTANCE OF THE SYSTEM, AND THE SPANISH COULD STIPULATE WITH THE PAYMENT THAT IT DID NOT IMPLY ACCEPTANCE.

-- GENERAL ROGERS HAS REPLIED TO GENERAL GALARZA'S LETTER (SEPTTEL) AND WILL WELCOME THE VISIT OF THE SPANISH COMMITTEE. FYI: THE LETTER ASKS FOR A MONTH'S ADVANCE NOTICE WHICH WE BELIEVE IS APPROPRIATE TO PERMIT PROPER ARRANGEMENTS AND POSSIBLY TO REESTABLISH A LESS EMOTIONAL ENVIRONMENT. END FYI. THE SPANISH COMMITTEE, AS GENERAL ROGERS' LETTER PROPOSES, SHOULD INCLUDE MEMBERS ABLE TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS AT BOTH POLICY AND TECHNICAL LEVELS. THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPANISH GROUP NEED NOT BE RESTRICTED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SPANISH ARMY, BUT COULD INCLUDE OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS FROM THE SPANISH DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT. THE PRESENCE OF OFFICIALS COMPETENT TO MEET AT THE DASD LEVEL COULD HELP MOVE THIS

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MATTER ALONG.

-- THE WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS WILL PROVIDE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR EXCHANGES OF VIEWS AND FOR A PRESENTATION TO US OFFICIALS OF THE SPANISH VIEW-POINT. CHRISTOPHER

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